



# SAFEnet

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## STUDENT'S 'KEEPING IT SAFE'

### Minority Scholars Program, Clarksburg High School

The Keeping it Safe Team's, *Student's Keeping it Safe*, highlights a student or group who is making a positive impact on the community. The Keeping it Safe team will recognize each month an individual or group, between the grade levels of 6th and 12th.

January's *Student's Keeping it Safe* is the **Minority Scholars Program at Clarksburg High School (CHS)**. Minority Scholars Program (MSP) is a group of students involved in raising the GPA amongst minority students and increasing academic success in honors and advanced placement courses. The students tutor weekly at the feeder middle schools and provide homework support during lunch at CHS. They work with and support all students. The students try to persuade and encourage all students to get involved in school and challenge themselves academically.

MSP also started a monthly newsletter called *The Key/La Llave* highlighting their program and supports available. Ultimately, they hope to continue to raise the rigor of education for all students, while closing the achievement gap among racial groups.

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## Newsletter Highlights



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**Maryland**



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## Questions?

Montgomery County community members can email related questions and receive updated prevention information. Please email: [safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Tell a friend about SAFEnet and have them send an email to [safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov) with the subject line "SIGN ME UP"

To unsubscribe, please send email to [SAFEnet@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:SAFEnet@montgomerycountymd.gov) with the subject line "UNSUBSCRIBE ME"

Keeping it Safe is a Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control Public Education Campaign. This campaign outreaches to both the hospitality industry and the community on youth alcohol prevention and responsible alcohol service.

*Separate from these efforts, is a volunteer coalition, also known as the Keeping it Safe (KIS) Coalition aimed at preventing under 21 alcohol use.*

## KEEPING IT SAFE

**SAFEline**- Call **301-670-SAFE** to request information on hosting under 21 alcohol free events or to report an upcoming under 21 alcohol party, event, or provider.

To report a party in progress, call the non-emergency police line at 301-289-8000.

For more information on state laws, consequences, or to order materials on Keeping it Safe, please contact the Department of Liquor Control Outreach Office, 240-777-1989, or e-mail [dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## What is the Keeping it Safe Coalition?

The Keeping It SAFE (KIS) Coalition initiatives focus on reducing youth access to alcohol and on reducing the effects of under 21 alcohol use. The Coalition, as well as individual team member efforts through their jobs, create a comprehensive approach to help our most precious natural resources, our youth. KIS utilizes a variety of strategies: education, enforcement, youth involvement, and support for positive, healthy activities for youth. KIS follows the Communities Mobilizing for Change of Alcohol (CMCA), model program of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Web site: [Http://modelprograms.samhsa.gov/pdfs/model/Cmca.pdf](http://modelprograms.samhsa.gov/pdfs/model/Cmca.pdf)

Keeping it SAFE team meetings occur monthly and at varied locations, start time is 1 pm. The next meeting is on January 19th at the Department of Liquor Control. Meetings are opened to interested parties. Please contact Meg Baker at [meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov) for more information.

## Keeping it Safe Video Contest

All students participating in the Keeping it Safe Video Contest should submit their video projects by 5 pm on Wednesday, January 26, 2010 to: Department of Liquor Control, Community Outreach Office, Attn: Meg Baker, 16650 Crabbs Branch Way Rockville MD 20855.

Applications may be downloaded from [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/kis](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/kis). Judging will take place in February by KIS team members and youth.

On Friday April 29th at 9 am the Contest and Community Awards Recognition Event will be held at the Executive Office Building Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street Rockville, MD 20850. This event is open to family and friends. Contest winners will receive a cash prize and trophy for their group.

## Upcoming Keeping it Safe Presentations

Keeping It Safe Coalition continues to participate in community presentations.

Upcoming presentations include:

- January 7 in the Montgomery Village Community
- January 12 at Stone Ridge School
- February 15 at Quince Orchard High School

For more information call 240-777-6652

## Newsletter to Circuit and District Court Judges and State's Attorney's

The Keeping It SAFE Coalition continues to publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter to the Circuit and District Court judges and members of the State's Attorney Office. The focus of the newsletter is to address alcohol issues specific to Montgomery County. For more information email [meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:meg.baker@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## Resources for Teens

### Teen Line- Teens Helping Teens

Do you need help working something out?



Do you want to talk to someone who understands, like another teen?

Teen Line is here to help!

(800) TLC-TEEN (852-8336)  
*Open from 3pm to 7pm every night.*

OR You can visit **[www.teenline.org](http://www.teenline.org)** to get online help, chat online, or read message boards.

### Employment For Teens

Looking for a job? Visit the Recreation Department website to view job opportunities including seasonal and part time employment. Please click here.

Or visit [www.teenjobsection.com/maryland-jobs.php](http://www.teenjobsection.com/maryland-jobs.php) for teen jobs throughout Maryland

## Did you Know?

**10.4 million(or 27% of)  
youth ages 12 to 20  
report they consumed  
alcohol in the  
past 30 days.**

*Source: Century Council*

## Time to Begin the Discussion on College Drinking Issues!

Are your students or kids drinking on college campuses? College, university, and high school staff are often the frontline in the fight against underage drinking by making sure that parents are equipped with the information they need to start discussion with their teens.

Colleges and universities are encouraged to send the **Parents Your Not Done Yet** brochure to the parents of their incoming freshman classes or include it in the freshman orientation package. Schools can also include the brochure in email communication to parents in advance of orientation, move-in day, homecoming, or spring break.

High schools and counselors should also distribute the brochure to parents of the senior class to allow parents to begin the discussion as soon as possible. To download the brochure [click here](#).

Parents, get the conversation started:

- How will you decide whether or not to drink at college?
- What will you do if you find yourself at a party with only alcohol to drink?
- What will you do if your roommate only wants to drink and party?
- What will you do if you find a student passed out in the bathroom?
- How will you handle it if you are asked to baby-sit someone who is very drunk?

**40%**  
of college students  
say they binge drink

Source: Century Council



## Student's Keeping It Safe Minority Scholars Program Clarksburg High School

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### 1. Why do you think your group is a positive influence on today's youth?

We feel our group is a positive influence on today's youth because we are serving as role models for academic excellence. We are encouraging all students to want to excel.

### 2. What do you believe will make a difference in underage drinking (parents, teachers, educating, programs)?

Although there is not a specific focus on underage drinking in the Minority Scholars Program our group is promoting positive decision making in all aspects of life.

### 3. What are your future goals?

Our goal for the Minority Scholars Program is to increase honor roll and eligibility. It is also our goal to get a greater interest in the Minority Scholars Program here at Clarksburg High School.

According to the College Alcohol Survey (Anderson and Gadaletto), college and university administrators estimate alcohol is involved with:

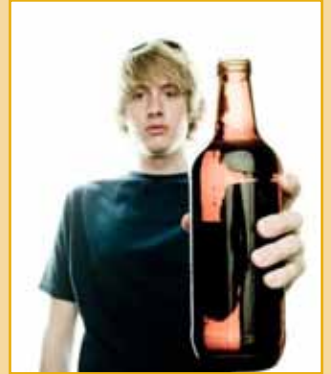
- 27% of dropouts
- 33% of academic failures
- 58% of violent behaviors
- 59% of unsafe sexual practices
- 63% of acquaintance rapes

## Parenting Style Can Determine Teen Drinking Habits

Most parents agree that they don't want their teenagers drinking heavily. Although parents don't always agree on what deters a teen from filling up cup after cup at a high school keg party.

Some think strict rules with consequences when broken stop a teen from binge drinking. Others take a kinder, gentler approach and believe they only need to educate their children and then trust that they'll make the right choices. These parents are more likely to give praise than punishment.

A new study by researchers at Brigham Young University finds that neither approach is effective. "The teens who were being raised by so-called indulgent parents who tend to give their children lots of praise and warmth, but offer little in the way of consequences or monitoring of bad behavior, were...three times more likely to participate in heavy drinking," National Public Radio reports. "The same was true for kids whose parents were so strict that no decision was left to the teenager's own judgment."



So what's the trick to raising a teenager who might try alcohol but not abuse it? Researchers found that parents who borrowed from the two extreme styles were most successful. Warm, loving parents who set boundaries and who fairly punish their children when rules are broken are raising alcohol smart kids.

To read the full story, [click here](#).

## Department of Liquor Control Reports 100 Percent Compliance Following Latest Round of Alcohol Compliance Checks

Montgomery County's Department of Liquor Control's (DLC) most recent round of alcohol compliance checks revealed no illegal alcohol sales made to minors under the age of 21. The County's compliance check program has become a national model with DLC's alcohol enforcement specialists working in partnership with the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office and local high school student volunteers.

During a compliance check, young people under the age of 21 are sent into licensed establishments and/or stores to attempt to purchase alcohol with an underage identification.

"We are seeing these results across the board, with sellers and servers checking the identifications, reading them and denying service to under-21 individuals," said DLC Chief of Licensure, Regulation and Education Kathie Durbin. "It's encouraging to see licensed establishments implement responsible alcohol policies that will have a positive impact on our community."

Recognizing that alcohol licensed businesses are the first line of defense in helping to reduce the availability of alcohol to youth under the age of 21, a multi-agency, comprehensive alcohol compliance program was developed in Montgomery County. The Department of Liquor Control, Montgomery County Police and Sheriff's departments conduct compliance checks in tandem ensuring a fair and evenly distributed number of checks.

For more information, call the DLC Outreach Office at 240-777-1989 or email [dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov).

To view the press release, [click here](#).

